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## Best workplaces for commuters recognized

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CONCORD (AP) – Federal environmental officials say seven New Hampshire companies and the Upper Valley do the best job in the state of cutting down on pollution by giving workers choices in how they commute to work.

The Environmental Protection Agency named Dartmouth College, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and Mascoma Savings Bank in Lebanon; Hewlett Packard and Oracle Corp. in Nashua; Rockingham Regional Planning Commission in Exeter; and the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

For the last four years, the agency has released a list of the best workplaces for commuters.

To qualify, companies must offer such options as carpooling and access to an emergency, guaranteed ride home.

### Town used to jolting changes may get Wal-Mart

HAVERHILL (AP) – Twice in history the town's economy has been jolted by events.

In the 19th century, inns and taverns sprang up when the stagecoach made the town a destination.

Next, the railroad sparked growth.

Now, superstore Wal-Mart promises to boost the region's economy by creating up to 350 jobs.

Wal-Mart wants to build a 212,000 square foot store on 21 acres at the intersections of Routes 10 and 302 in the Woodsville section of town. Wal-Mart says it will pay \$261,000 in property taxes



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